

REMARKS

Claims 5 and 13-15 have been amended to adopt suggestions made by the Examiner to resolve the objections set forth in the Office Action.

Since the above amendments adopt suggestions made by the Examiner to place the application in condition for allowance, entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Allowability

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8-12, 16 and 17 are allowable.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8-12, 16 and 17 are allowable. In view of the amendments herein adopting suggestions made by the Examiner, Applicants submit that claims 5 and 13-15 are allowable as well, and thus allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to claims 5 and 13-15 under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

The Examiner indicates that amendment of claim 5 to depend from claim 3 would be remedial, and that amendment to recite "consisting essentially of" in claims 13-15 would be remedial.

In view of the Examiner's indications, and to expedite allowance, Applicants have amended claims 5 and 13-15 to adopt the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the objections have been overcome, and withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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